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- 1.

The head of PVO in the USSR is the Deputy Commander for the Ministry of Armed Forces, USSR.

- 2.

PVO is separate from the Soviet Army, possessing its own artillery, aircraft, etc.

- 3.

The regiment is the smallest tactical unit in PVO. In some instances where the target to be defended is too small to warrant a unit of regimental size, a battalion may be used, but these are rather exceptional cases.

- 4.

The 93rd AAA Regt of PVO defense in Baku
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this regiment had upwards of 3,000 men.

There were three battalions in the regiment, and each battalion had four batteries of eight guns each. Most of the guns at

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that time were 85mm and 90mm guns, but they were gradually being replaced with 105mm guns. Each battery also had a Malakhit Gun-Laying Set which serviced the eight guns. The 85mm guns were formerly towed by three ton Studebakers but since 1948 the GAZ-63, which is used as a prime mover and supply vehicle, has gradually replaced the Studebakers. There is one GAZ-63 for each gun, and one supply vehicle per four guns. The regiment had one MG company of sixteen 12.7mm MGs. Each gun was towed by a three quarter ton truck [Jeep]. Each battery also had one or two 12.7mm MGs.

5.

the PVO had jet aircraft, MIG-15. even newer types, perhaps the MIG-16 or MIG-17, are now in PVO use

6.

Artillery support is the secondary mission of PVO.

7.

There is very little exchange between PVO officers in the USSR and artillery officers in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

8.

During WW II PVO troops [PVO Voyaka] followed about 50 km behind troops in combat. This function of PVO was abandoned after WW II.

9.

by now there must be new courses for AAA units which include firing practice against jet aircraft. However, the training literature which came out in the first of 1951 did not mention this subject.

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